

Announcement of an effort to restore water quality in Cripple Creek located in Wythe County, Virginia

**PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION:** Speedwell Volunteer Fire Dept. in Speedwell, Virginia on Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** Second public meeting on a study to restore water quality

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** DEQ is working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in the waters of Cripple Creek. The "impaired" stream segments are estimated to be approximately 14.4 miles of Cripple Creek, including the lower mainstem from the New River confluence upstream to the Dean Branch confluence. It also includes the mainstem from the Dry Run confluence downstream to the Francis Mill Cr. confluence. The last segment extends from the headwaters upstream of US Route 21, downstream to the confluence of Blue Spring Creek. The stream is impaired for failing to meet the *Recreational Use* because of fecal coliform bacteria violations.

A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. The plan will identify the sources of bacteria contamination and develop a TMDL for bacteria. To restore water quality, contamination levels must be reduced to the TMDL amount.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** The development of a TMDL includes public meetings and a public comment period once the study report is drafted. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, July 23, 2009 to August 24, 2009. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

**TO REVIEW FACT SHEETS:** Fact sheets are available on the impaired waters from the contacts below or on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl).

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